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## ANNUAL MEETING

The eighth annual meeting of the Association was held at Pittsburgh, with delegates representing 54 institutions.

A notable feature of the meeting was Dr. Seligman's presidential address, "Our Association" (printed elsewhere in this BULLETIN), delivered at a largely attended joint session with the Economic and Political Science Associations.

Reports were presented by a large number of committees, and several of these reports are printed in this number of the BULLETIN.

Definite action was taken on the following matters:

*Appointments and Promotions.*—The Committee was requested to confer with the Director of the American Council on Education in regard to the proposed establishment of a National Appointment and Personnel Office, the Association approving the general principle.

*Pensions and Insurance.*—The recommendations of the Committee were adopted as stated on page 73. It was further voted to be the sense of the Association that:

Whenever the greater part of the assets of the Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association consists of accumulated contributions from individual policy-holders and their institutions, the preponderance of membership of the governing body should also consist of representatives of those policy-holders and institutions.

*Academic Freedom and Academic Tenure.*—Chairman Deibler presented the report printed elsewhere in this BULLETIN. It was voted: That this Association regards as desirable the plans suggested by the Secretary, and approved by the Committee for the eventual formulation of a code covering the questions of academic freedom and tenure by joint action of this Association and other organizations; and that it refers the matter to the new Council with power to take any action it may see fit.

*Place and Function of Faculties in University Government and Administration.*—The specific proposals of the Committee (published in the November-December BULLETIN) were discussed at length and the following resolutions adopted:

That the formal consent of the Faculty directly or through its elected representatives should be prerequisite to all changes in educational policy.

That in the opinion of this Association there should be in every college or university an officially recognized medium of communication between the Trustees and the Faculty other than the President for the adjustment of all questions of policy and administration that may arise.

That in the opinion of the Association it is desirable that there should be provision for periodic conferences on matters of educational policy or institutional conditions between Governing Boards and Faculties or their elected representatives; that either body may properly take initiative for such conference.

That it is the sense of the Association that the Faculty should, acting through appropriate committees, of which the administrative officers are *ex-officiis* members, make nominations for appointments and promotion on the teaching staff.

That it is the sense of the Association that in the choice of a President the Faculty should be officially consulted either through duly elected representatives or by action of the whole Faculty; that this should apply also in the case of a Dean of the Faculty concerned.

That it is the sense of the Association that faculty participation in nominations carries with it the corresponding responsibility to take initiative in removing from the teaching staff incompetent as well as unworthy members.

The question of faculty participation in the determination of the general salary scale was laid on the table.

*Constitutional Amendments.*—These were adopted in general conformity with the proposals in the November-December BULLETIN and have been published in the January BULLETIN.

Particular attention may be called to the change of title of Local Branches to Chapters. A sub-committee has been appointed to draw up an appropriate statement on the functions of Chapters.

*Bulletin.*—The Council was requested to consider the desirability and practicability of establishing a University Journal in place of the present BULLETIN, with power to proceed at its discretion.

*Summer Meeting.*—The question of holding a summer meeting or a meeting independent of other bodies was discussed and referred to the Council with power.

*Plans for 1922.*—The choice of time and place of the annual meeting was referred to the Executive Committee with power. The suggestion of a summer meeting and of a separate meeting was not favorably considered.

The choice of committees other than G to report at the next annual meeting and to propose topics for discussion during the year was also left to the Executive Committee with power.

A motion that the Council be requested to invite the Association of American Universities and similar bodies to send each a representative to the annual meeting was referred to the new Council for a recommendation to the next annual meeting.

The following committees were appointed for 1922: Nominating Committee, J. A. Leighton (Ohio), L. J. Richardson (California), G. D. Hancock (Washington and Lee), C. E. Mendenhall (Wisconsin), A. N. Holcombe (Harvard).

Executive Committee: J. V. Denney (Ohio), Edward Capps (Princeton), Henry Crew (Northwestern), A. O. Lovejoy (Johns Hopkins), W. T. Semple (Cincinnati), H. W. Tyler (Mass. Inst. Tech.), M. P. Whitney (Vassar).

## FOREIGN UNIVERSITY CONDITIONS

*The following letter from our former Vice-President will be self-explanatory:*

NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL

WASHINGTON, D. C., February 16, 1922.

*Dear Professor Tyler:*

Referring to the copies of Professor Seligman's letters to Mr. Hoover and to you, and to Louis Levine's cablegram to Professor Seligman with regard to possibilities of help for Russian university professors, I may say that the American Relief Administration is already giving this matter some special attention. We have been able to establish special relief measures for "intellectuals" in Austria and Poland. In Vienna and in each of three other university cities in Austria there is maintained a "Professors' Mess." The Mess in Vienna provides now for about 350 professors. Recently some additional funds have come to hand for the support of special relief for "intellectuals" in Austria and additional messes will be set up. I think that without any doubt something of the same kind, if not to the same extent, can be done in Russia. In the meantime, any one wishing to extend special food relief to professors of Russian universities can do this through the food remittance system which provides for the deposit with the New York office of the AMERICAN RELIEF ADMINISTRATION, 42 BROADWAY, of sums of ten dollars or multiples of that amount with the address of the particular individual or group of individuals whom the donor wishes to help.

For the special relief of "intellectuals" in Austria and Poland the Commonwealth Fund has made several gifts to the American Relief Administration and it may be that the manager of this Fund will be willing to do something for Russia.

Very sincerely yours,

VERNON KELLOGG.